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MEMORANDUM TO: []

SUBJECT : Post-Hoxha Albanian Government

1. I would like to get on paper my frequently stated belief that current planning on Albania should include consideration of the problems involved in establishing a new government once Enver Hoxha's dictatorship is but a memory. Such a discussion paper would, of course, offer concrete recommendations as to the course the United States Government believes should be followed in respect to a post-Hoxha government and the form such a government should take.
2. I realize that responsibility for such recommendations does not lie within SE Division and quite possibly not within the Agency. Nonetheless, I feel our approach to current problems is incomplete if we do not have our long range objectives in mind and are not able to rest assured the problem is being squarely met in the responsible office. As this division is directly interested in this matter, I would like to suggest that we take the initiative and request inquiry into this matter by the proper office, if such a policy has not been developed or is not currently being produced.
3. Concurrently, I feel it would be advisable to develop our ideas on the subject so that our views are carefully thought out when it comes time to objectively consider the preliminary policy paper on the subject from the responsible office. I also feel our inquiry into this field is of immediate operational importance, for it is imperative that we know what we want if discussions with the Yugoslavs materialize within the next few months. On this count alone I feel such a study should be initiated on both a Division level and in the office where ultimate responsibility for policy on this matter rests.

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